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SUBJECT: CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FLORA AND FAUNA

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1. CONGENOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH ASSISTANT POLITICAL ADVISER TO HKG, WHO SAID HONG KONG HAS AN ORDINANCE, ENACTED AROUND 1960, PROHIBITING TRADE IN CERTAIN ENDANGERED SPECIES. HOWER, THE SCHEDULE OF PROSCRIBED FLORA AND FAUNA IN THE ORDINANCE DOES NOT CORRESPOND WITH THE CONVENTION. ACCORDINGLY, THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS SENT A NEW SCHEDULE TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS DRAFTING THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO ENABLE THE UK TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION.

2. THE PROBLEM CITED IN REF (B) ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY A STEADY TRADE FROM THE PRC TO HONG KONG IN SEVERAL ITEMS ON THE CONVENTION'S SCHEDULE, SUCH AS SENNIT CATS AND PANGALINS. AS THE PRC DOES NOT AGREE THAT THESE ARE ENDANGERED SPECIES, HKG FEARS THAT THEIR PROSCRIPTION WILL ANTAGONIZE THE PRC. AS A RESULT, THERE IS NO GREAT RUSH ON THE PART OF HKG TO ENACT THE LEGISLATION, AT LEAST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT FINDS A WAY OF REACHING AN INFORMAL UNDER-STANDING WITH THE PRC.
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